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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH STANDARD FRUIT

1. HENRY CLARK, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CASTLE AND COOKE (STANDARD FRUIT), ACCOMPANIED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL, ROBERT MOORE, AND WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES BURROWS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR BOWDLER MORNING OF JUNE 7 TO ASSURE DEPARTMENT THERE WAS NO FOUNDATION FOR PANAMANIAN CLAIMS OF STANDARD ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE TORRIJOS OR OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS. C&C URGED DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION, IN WHICH THEY PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION, TO BE CERTAIN, AT LEAST, THAT THEIR GOOD REPUTATION WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT AFFECTED.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ASSURED C&C REPRESENTATIVES THAT DEPARTMENT IS PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT PANAMANIAN
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CLAIMS ARE GROUNDLESS. WE INDICATED TO THEM WE ARE FOLLOW-

ING UP ON THIS MATTER WITH GOP, ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT WHAT
INFORMATION GOP MAY HAVE AND THAT PROBABLE NEXT STEP WOULD
BE ADVISING GOH AND GOCR THAT OUR INQUIRIES TO GOP
HAS NOT RPT NOT PRODUCED INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE
THE CHARGE.

3. COPY OF MEMCON AND C&C "AIDE MEMOIRE" BEING POUCHED.
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